

End of Year Celebrations

On Monday 13 December we are going to Tokikapu Marae at 10.30am to share in the experience of being involved in a powhiri. Students have prepared for such an occasion and we are looking forward to it. If you are available to help with transport that would be fantastic.

On Tuesday 14 December it is a Choir day as previously mentioned.

On Wednesday 15 December we are having a 'Toy Day' where children may bring to school one favourite toy they wish to share and play with on this day. We will do our utmost to help with looking after toys however it will be your child's overall responsibility for the toy they bring to school.

On this day we will also have a 'Party Day' where we have a shared lunch with the children. For ease of organising the food we would appreciate it if each child could **bring \$2** and we will have sausages and chips. Parents are welcome to collect their child/children anytime after the shared lunch.

Ex-Waitomo Caves School Pupils

It is always great to hear how ex-Waitomo Caves School students are getting on in their secondary education. The senior prizegiving at Otorohanga College has been held and the junior one is today. Congratulations to Jason Chandler for your awards and Stacey-Lee Lord for 2011 Head Girl.

Thank you Fonterra Te Awamutu for the time capsules.

Board of Trustees News

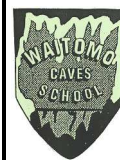
The Board of Trustees would like to thank the school parents and wider community for their ongoing help and support of the Waitomo Caves School. That support with Centenary, Sports Day, Quiz Night, Production, School Camp and Clay Work, to name just a few, has made 2010 a busy and successful year. Have a safe and happy holiday.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

13 December	Tokikapu Marae visit
14 December	Choir Day
15 December	Toy Day, Party Day, Last day of school
1 February	Term 1 begins
8 February	First Manual session for Year 7 & 8's
14 February	Kick-Start to School Classes

Merry Christmas everyone. Have a wonderful festive season and I look forward to seeing you next year. Be happy, be safe.

Mrs Tamae Dimond, Principal ☺



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Week Nine – 10 December

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

With only a few more days left of school this year there is a lot to report on.

We had a successful camp where we had to make some changes along the way. Unfortunately students were unable to complete their first aide training due to an emergency call out. Sincere thanks to all parents who helped out, slept over and got involved. Special thanks to Caveworld, BWR and the Glowworm Caves for allowing us to become more familiar with our local caves free of charge. Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you parents for providing a wonderful pot luck dinner, it was superb. Any dishes from the dinner can be collected from school.

We hope families enjoyed the vegetables that we harvested early in the week. We also enjoyed several salads over camp from the garden. We had success with the lettuces, radishes, courgettes and spinach but not the carrots!

Following camp we farewelled Angus Carnie-Rogers. He and his family have shifted to Piopio. We wish you and your family well as you settle into your new home and school.

We also farewell Cheyenne and Tasman as they shift to Auckland to live with their dad. The twins have been here since they were five and have been very much involved in our school community. They will be missed but we look



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forward to their visits during holidays and weekends.

Congratulations to Aorangi for getting involved in the Otorohanga College cricket team. Good luck for the remainder of the cricket season.

Prizegiving

Waitomo Caves School children, parents and staff have all had a wonderful year. We have succeeded in swimming, athletics, cross-country, team sports, mathematics, singing, music, performing, visual arts, personal goals, individual achievement and much more. I congratulate our children again, for their efforts and accomplishments and thank our parents and caregivers for their support. We have all worked very hard and have gained so much in doing so.

Thank you to the Otorohanga Lions Club for sponsorship of awards. The following recipients were awarded for effort throughout the year. Portia Taane-Edwards, Kyah Cornes, Blaze Cameron and Dallas Maguire.

Congratulations to the following recipients of special awards, trophies, cups and medals at our annual prizegiving ceremony.

Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club Player of the Day Award – Trent Maguire and Alex Bell

Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club Sportsmanship Award – Ratapu Winikerei

Consistent Team Player Award – Blaze Cameron

Fairplay Award, Sportsperson of the Year – Dallas Maguire

Principals Cup for Academic Achievement – Aorangi Jones

Citizenship Award – Dallas Maguire

Reports

Students received their reports today to deliver to parents. Staff have worked hard to report on your child's progress and achievement from the year. After reading through this report please complete the parent questionnaire for feedback and indicate on the reverse your intentions regarding the parent evening. This evening is an opportunity for parents to discuss with teachers your child's report. Report evening is Monday 13 December beginning at 6.00pm.

Quiz Night

Friday 26 November was a big success with our fundraising committee making a great profit of \$700 plus dollars. Many thanks to our organisers and sponsors, Waitomo Glowworm Caves & Gift Shop, Caveworld, Waitomo Caves Hotel, Spellbound, Rap, Raft 'n' Rock, Huhu Café, Abseil Inn, Waitomo Automotive & Engineering, Waitomo Caves School, Palm Court Motel, Taane-Edwards Whanau, McDonalds Otorohanga, Subway, and Goldpine. And to our participants and those who provided plates for the supper our thanks. Thanks also to our MC Brian Pitts-Brown.

Titiwai Choir

Congratulations to all the children who have worked hard at learning their words, instrumental parts and singing in the Titiwai Choir. Enjoy your performances over the weekend and Gook Luck!

The choir are also singing at Beattie Home and Hillview on Tuesday 14 December. Children will not need to arrive at school until 10.30am. The small number of students not involved in choir have alternative arrangements for the day.

School Dates

School will be open for students on Tuesday 1 February 2011 with a 9.00am start. There are days prior scheduled for teacher only days and Board Training. Kick-Start to School classes begin again on Monday 14 February 2011.

Looking Ahead – 2011

We are fully staffed for 2011 with Ms Helen Easton, Mrs Heather Pease and Mrs Glenys George continuing their wonderful skills in teaching and raising student achievement. We are pleased to inform you that Whaea Jaimee Tamaki has been appointed the Te Reo/Kapa Haka tutor for the year. Mrs Bobbi Baker will continue office administration work and Mrs Carol Fleming will continue Teacher Aiding. We can never thank Barbara enough for the work she does four mornings a week to support the teachers in preparation for class lessons, library care and much more. Thank you for being available next year. Mrs Sandra Morgan has been an asset also, and we look forward to her return in the New Year.

At this stage we will be starting the new school year with around 29 pupils. There are seven tentative new entrants starting throughout the school year with a predicted roll count of 36 students during this time next year.

The Term 1 parent meeting will be held early in the year as feedback from previous meetings mean we can focus on the 2011 events early.

Pool

The pool is looking great and has been enjoyed by all the children recently. Thank you to the following families for helping to prepare the pool at the working bee - Batger, Jones/Davis, Chandler, Hawkes-Board, Dimond, Anderson, Cornes and Hall. Please become familiar with the pool details sent home recently. A season key for families is \$30 and are available from Bobbi until Wednesday. Casual rates at \$5 a swim apply for visitors. Kiwipaka guests will not be using the pool on mass. Thank you so much to Batch and Alannah for being the pool caretakers.